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FOR DR BRZEZINSKI

FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 17483 ACTION STATE OCT 21.

QUOTE S E C R E T CAIRO 17483

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, IS, EG, US

SUBJ: ORAL MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO SADAT AND FAHMY ON  
WORKING PAPER

REF STATE 252851,

1. TODAY BEING FRIDAY, NO EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS ARE AT THEIR  
OFFICES. WAS ABLE, HOWEVER, TALK WITH FAHMY ON SECURE  
(GRAY) PHONE EARLY THIS AFTERNOON TO TELL HIM I HAD ORAL  
MESSAGE FROM YOU TO SADAT AND HIM. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF  
I COULD DISCUSS PGPZXHE#PRESIDENT,

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BUT WOULD ARRANGE A MEETING WITH SADAT. IF SADAT SUGGESTS  
HE ALSO BE PRESENT, FAHMY WILL BE THERE. OTHERWISE, I  
COULD GIVE HIM THE ORAL MESSAGE EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER MY  
MEETING WITH SADAT.

2. TOLD FAHMY I WOULD LIKE DISCUSS SUBJECT SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
HE SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT SEC BLUEMENTHAL ARRIVES

TOMORROW MORNING AND THAT I AM CURRENTLY SCHEDULED BE WITH THE SECRETARY ON APPOINTMENTS MOST OF THE DAY AND EVENING. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY ARRANGED THAT SEC BLUMENTHAL MEET SADAT SOMETIME SUNDAY MORNING, BUT AS YET NO FIXED TIME. I KNEW NUMAYRI IS ALSO DUE TO ARRIVE SOMETIME SUNDAY, BUT PERHAPS IF IT WERE CONVENIENT TO SADAT, I COULD STAY BEHIND AFTER THE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AND CONVEY THE ORAL MESSAGE. FAHMY SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH SADAT AND LET ME KNOW.

3. FAHMY ASKED FOR GIST OF ORAL MESSAGE. TOLD HIM BRIEFLY THAT WE CONSIDER HIS REFORMULATION TOO SWEEPING TO STAND ANY CHANCE OF BEING AGREEABLE TO BOTH SIDES. ORAL MESSAGE REITERATES PURPOSE OF WORKING PAPER EXERCISE AND EMPHASIZES THAT ALL THE SUBSTANTIVE POINTS THAT PRES CARTER AND YOU DISCUSSED WITH HIM IN THE US REMAIN UNCHANGED BY WP. WE BELIEVE TRYING TO NEGOTIATIVE A NEW DRAFT WILL BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AND SIMPLY DELAY OBJECTIVE OF GETTING TO GENEVA, WHICH WE ALL WANT. FAHMY THEN ASKED HOW FAR WE HAD BEEN ABLE TO MEET HIS PROPOSALS.

4. TOLD HIM ORAL MESSAGE CONTAINS NO REFORMULATIONS, BUT SIMPLY REAFFIRMS UNDERSTANDINGS THAT HAD BEEN WORKED OUT WITH HIM IN THE US. FAHMY COMMENTED THAT HE DOES NOT DOUBT OUR COMMITMENT TO THESE UNDERSTANDINGS, BUT PRESENT DRAFT IS NOT A BASIS ON WHICH PLO WILL COOPERATE AND SOME WAY MUST BE FOUND TO ELICIT PLO COOPERATION. I SAID WE APPRECIATE  
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PROBLEM FAHMY POSED, BUT HOPE THAT SUBSTANCE OF ORAL MESSAGE MAY BE OF SOME HELP TO SADAT AND TO HIM IN COPING WITH THIS PROBLEM. AS WE ALL AGREE, WE SHOULD NOT GET HUNG UP ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS BUT SHOULD GET TO THE CONFERENCE WHERE EVERYTHING CAN BE DISCUSSED.

5. FAHMY THEN ASKED IF WE HAVE ANY OTHER RESPONSES. HE HAD HEARD THAT THE JORDANIANS HAD GIVEN GENERALLY POSITIVE RESPONSE. WHAT ABOUT THE SYRIANS? HAVE THEY GIVEN A REACTION? SAID I TOO HAD HEARD JORDANIAN RESPONSE WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE, BUT HAD NOT HEARD OF ANY SYRIAN RESPONSE.

6. NOTE: LATER IN AFTERNOON FAHMY'S OFFICE CALLED TO SAY SADAT INFORMED AND WANTS TO MEET WITH ME 1130 LOCAL TOMORROW, OCT 22, AT BARRAGES SINCE HE WILL NOT HAVE TIME ON SUNDAY BECAUSE OF NUMAYRI'S ARRIVAL. NO INDICATION WHETHER FAHMY WILL ALSO BE PRESENT, BUT I SUSPECT HE WILL.) THIS WILL MEAN I WILL HAVE TO EXCUSE MYSELF FOR VARIOUS MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR SEC BLUMENTHAL TOMORROW MORNING, BUT I WILL BE PRESENT TO BRIEF THE SECRETARY AND TO GO WITH HIM TO MEETING WITH PRIMIN TOMORROW EVENING. I WILL EXPLAIN SITUATION TO SEC BLUMENTHAL WHEN HE ARRIVES TOMORROW

MORNING, BUT WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ALSO SEND MESSAGE  
TO HIM ABOARD AIRCRAFT EXPLAINING CIRCUMSTANCES. MY SENIOR  
STAFF WILL LOOK AFTER SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL DURING THE PERIOD  
I AM WITH SADAT. EILTS UNQAUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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